

are discussing the advisability of telling the situation to the paralyzed Berthe that the proper legal relations may be established for the sake of the baby's good name. Then they go out on separate errands, leaving the baby and the nurse. Berthe, discovering her cure is complete, rushes to the studio to tell the great news to her husband. When he returns, he is overcome and finally tells her the whole truth. She leaves prostrated after a stressful scene in which Miss Barrymore reaches the pinnacle of her acting.

In the last scene, back in the invalid room, the two women meet. Berthe tells the baby's mother that she will go away and leave Paris to the "new family." But the husband refuses, stricken by his conscience. Then Berthe compromises. She says she will never go out into the world and no one will know she has recovered. Only in her room will she move about.

"And when you come to me," she says, "I will still be the shadow in your life but I will be a beneficent shadow. I will keep your sunny happiness from being too strong." And the curtain falls.

ARMY OF DESPAIR

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MUNICIPAL LODGING HOUSE.—

The municipal lodging house and its annex are not popular among the unemployed and many are those who will exhaust all other means before resorting to the shelter of the institution. When finally forced to it they certainly are down on their luck. Only too well do they realize that in such institution as the municipal lodging house they are not welcomed, but merely tolerated. Moreover, red tape, the pet hobby of officialdom the world over, will probably be applied to them and the mere thought of it makes them fear the place.

After lining up on the outside they pass before an official who asks them

whether they have ever been here, age, occupation, where born and how long in Chicago. Then, if the answers are satisfactory, and if it is the first time the man has applied for admission, he is sent to the annex and there, after waiting in line for some time, gets a shower bath, his clothes are fumigated and he is examined by the doctor. If he is not able to exhibit a scar on his arm he is vaccinated.

From there he is directed to the diningroom and receives a cup of black coffee without sugar or milk and a hunk of stale bread. Thus supplied he sits on a wooden bench and proceeds to eat the bountiful repast provided by a generous-hearted administration. Then he is directed to a cot.

The following evening the same questions are put, the bath is omitted and he and others are herded on the floor. "Here, lay over there. You lay here. Feet to feet and head to head," shouts a petty official, pointing to the floor with a small cane to emphasize his authority. And the men lie down as instructed, crowd one against the other to such an extent that if one wants to roll over he is likely to roll over his neighbor.

In the early morning they are lined up, given another portion of bread and coffee and then, after another line-up, are sent on their way "re-joining."

(Next—"Carrying the Banner.")

TOO OLD-FASHIONED

I am very fond of cake
Like mother used to make,
I like a lot of things of long ago;
But freely I admit
I do not like a bit
The kind of winters father used to
know. —Peoria Journal.

The seven wonders of the new world are considered to be: Wireless, telephone, aeroplane, radium, antiseptics and antitoxins, spectrum analysis and X-rays.